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1. APROPOS THE POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES IN WHICH  
CHIAO KUAN-HUA AND HIS WIFE CHANG HAN-CHIH PRESENTLY SEEM  
TO BE INVOLVED, THE FOLLOWING TIDBIT MAY BE RELEVANT:

2. AT A RECENT DINNER AT THE ISTANA MRS. LEE KUAN YEW  
TOLD ME THAT DURING HER VISIT TO THE PRC LAST MAY WITH  
PM LEE KUAN YEW SHE HAD WITNESSED WHAT APPEARED TO HER TO BE  
A VERY CLOSE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CHANG HAN-CHIH  
AND THE NOW-PURGED PRC MINISTER OF CULTURE (PRESUMABLY  
YU HUI-YUNG). MRS. LEE HAD SAT BETWEEN MADAM CHANG  
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AND THE MINISTER DURING A CULTURAL PRESENTATION, AND

WAS STRUCK BY THE WAY THAT THE TWO KEPT UP A WARM CON-  
VERSATION DIRECTLY ACROSS HER, EVIDENTLY ON THE ASSUMP-  
TION THAT MRS. LEE WOULD BE UNABLE TO UNDERSTAND WHAT WAS  
BEING SAID. HOWEVER, MRS. LEE'S MANDARIN WAS GOOD  
ENOUGH FOR HER TO GATHER THAT THE CONVERSATION HAD SOME-  
THING TO DO WITH THE DISPOSITION OF A PERSONNEL MATTER.  
THE TWO LAUGHED TOGETHER AND APPEARED TO BE VERY RELAXED.

3. MRS. LEE DREW THE INFERENCE (WHICH SEEMS LOGICAL)  
THAT IF CHANG HAN-CHIH WAS ON GOOD TERMS WITH THE PRO-  
CHIANG CHING MINISTER OF CULTURE, SHE WAS PROBABLY ON  
GOOD TERMS WITH CHIANG CHING AS WELL.  
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